



LAKE CARRIERS' ASSOCIATION



Lakes Limestone Trade Up in September

CLEVELAND — U.S. shipments of limestone on the Great Lakes increased 1.8 percent from last year to 2.7 million tons. Limestone cargos were below the month's 5-year average by 5.8 percent.

Year-to-date, the limestone trade stands at 15.9 million tons, a decrease of less than one percent compared to 2025 and 3.2 percent below the month's 5-year average.

GREAT LAKES LIMESTONE TRADE: SEPTEMBER 2021-2026 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE **(NET TONS)**

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Average 2021-2025
U.S. Ports	3,022,989	2,859,853	2,791,942	3,088,692	2,670,502	2,718,642	2,886,796
Canadian Ports	684,234	675,023	651,520	678,580	663,144	NA**	670,500
Total	3,671,223	3,534,876	3,443,462	3,767,272	3,333,646	2,718,642	3,550,096

YEAR-TO-DATE 2021-2026 AND LONG-TERM AVERAGE **(NET TONS)**

	2021	2022	2023*	2024	2025	2026	Average 2021-2025
U.S. Ports	16,531,770	16,669,959	16,409,008	16,737,173	16,027,191	15,948,264	16,475,020
Canadian Ports	4,554,653	4,401,647	4,051,468	4,085,840	3,582,027	NA**	4,135,127
Total	21,086,423	21,071,606	20,460,476	20,823,013	19,609,218	15,948,264	20,610,147

*Revised 7/11/24

U.S. ports: Calcite, MI; Cedarville, MI; Drummond Island, MI; Marblehead, OH; Port Inland, MI; and Presque Isle, MI.
Canadian ports: Bruce Mines, Manitoulin Island, Port Colborne (from August 2017 on), and Smelter Bay (all Ontario).

**As of April 2026, Canadian ports are no longer supplying information on limestone shipments.

About Lake Carriers' Association

Since 1880, Lake Carriers' has represented the U.S.-flag Great Lakes fleet, which today can move more than 90 million tons of cargos annually that are the foundation of American industry, infrastructure, and power: iron ore, stone, coal, cement, and other dry bulk materials such as grain, salt, and sand. More information is available at www.lcaships.com.

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